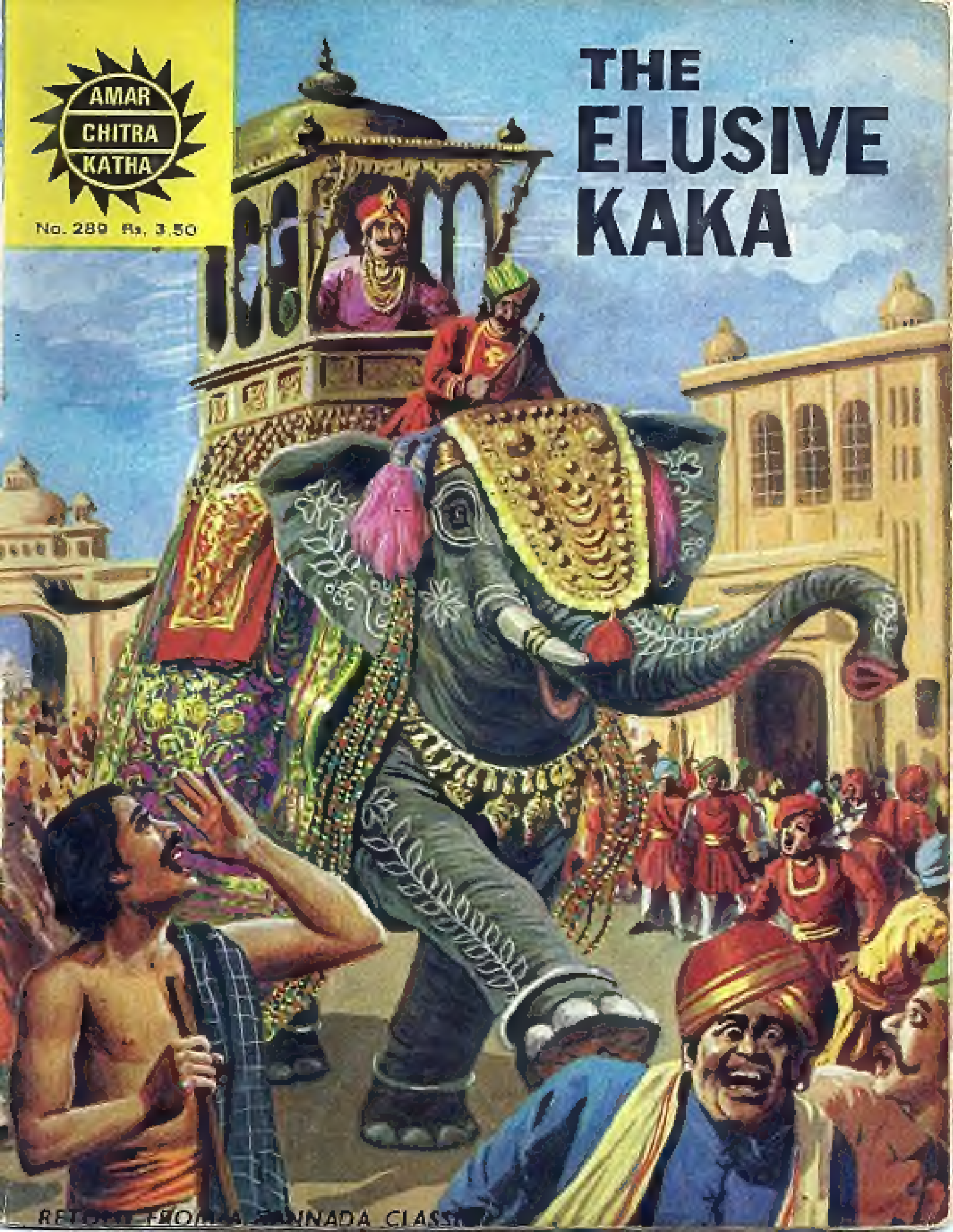




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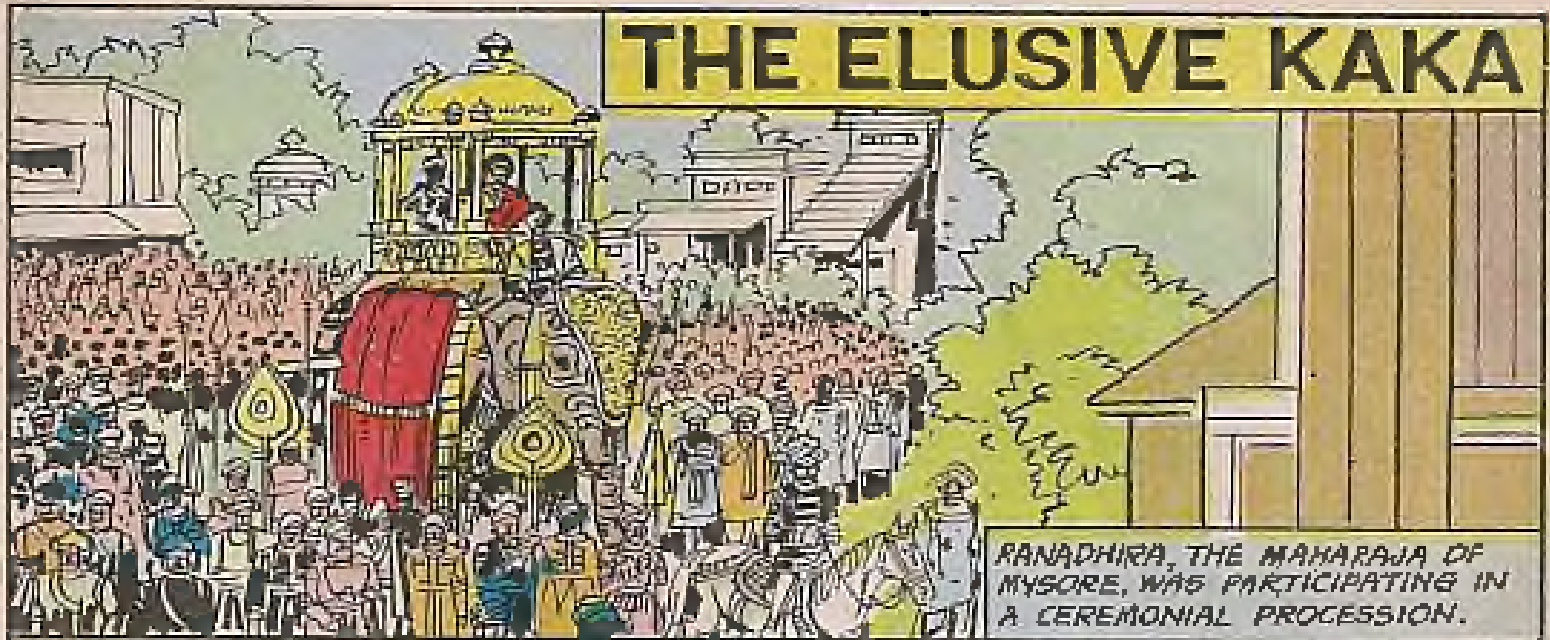
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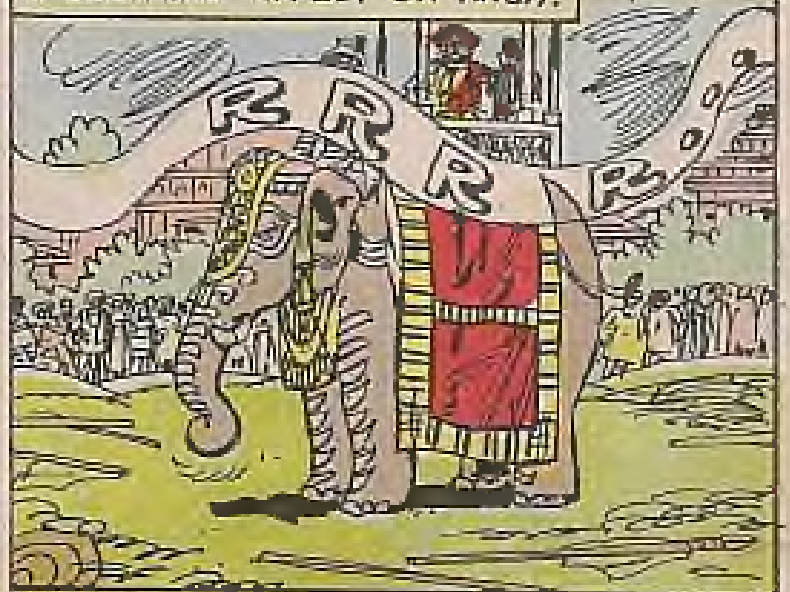
ALL OF A SUDDEN, NAGA, THE ELEPHANT HE WAS RIDING, BROKE INTO A RUN.



THE CROWD PANICKED AND RAN HELTER-SKELTER.



THE STRANGE SOUND SEEMED TO HAVE A SOOTHING EFFECT ON NAGA.



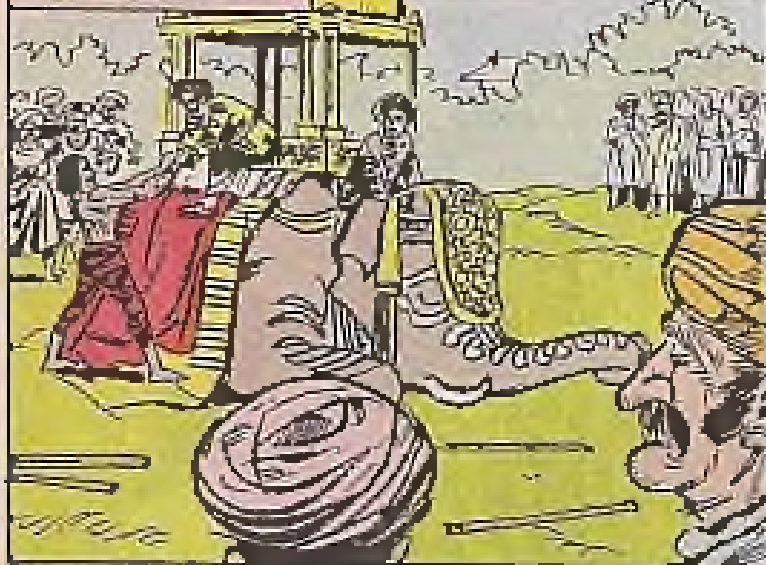
THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS MAKING THE SOUND...



...WALKED UP TO NAGA AND PATTED HIM.



THEN HE HELPED THE RANA TO GET OFF THE ELEPHANT.



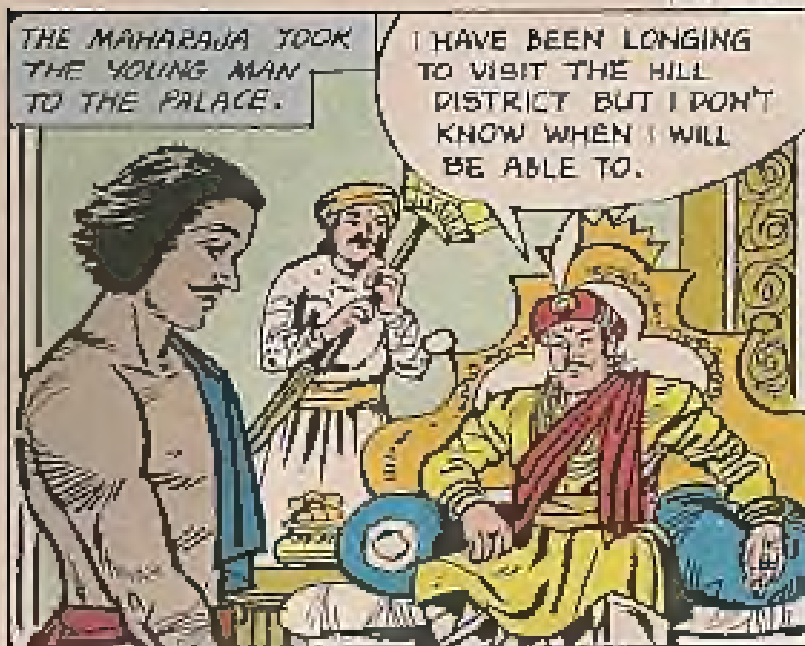
I OWE MY LIFE TO YOU, YOUNG MAN.



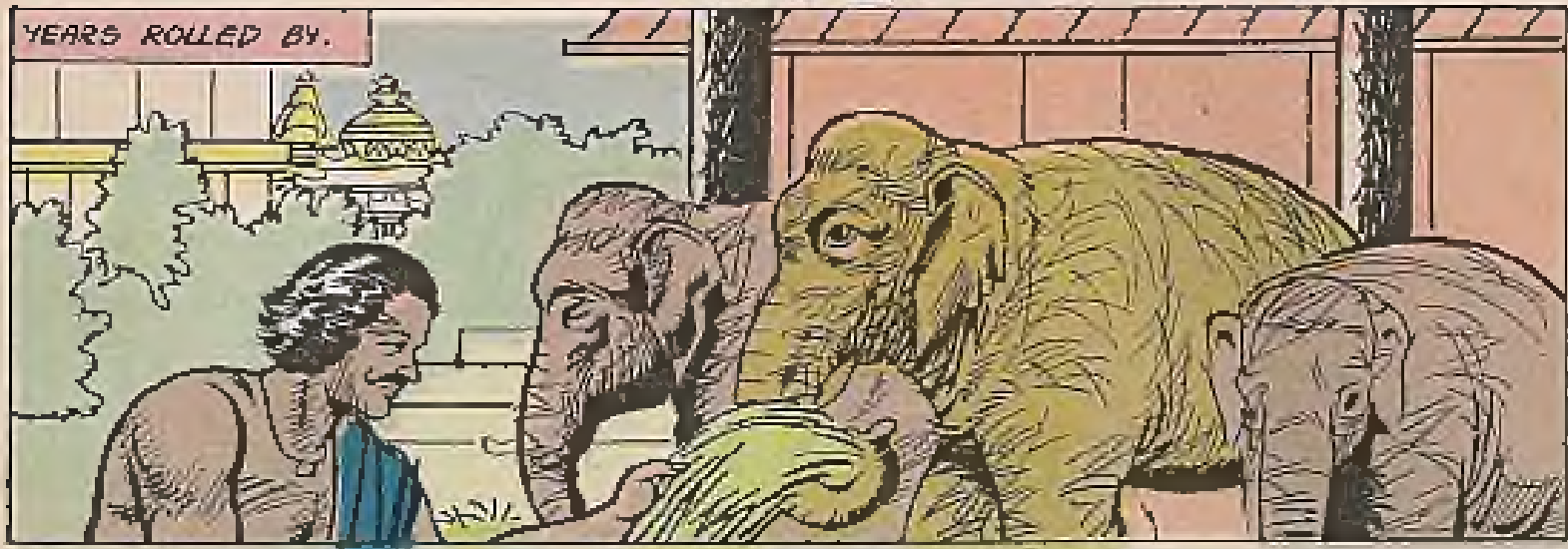
WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I AM KACHA,
MAHASWAMI*.
I COME FROM THE HILLS.





YEARS ROLLED BY.



ONE DAY—

KACHA, COME HAVE A LOOK AT THESE TUSKS. THEY ARE FROM YOUR HILLS.

FROM THE HILLS?



YES. YOUR PEOPLE HAVE SENT ME THEIR ANNUAL TRIBUTE THROUGH THE HEGGADE*— ONE PAIR OF TUSKS, EIGHT MEASURES OF HONEY AND ONE MAUND† OF SANDALWOOD.



PLEASE COLLECT SOME MONEY FROM THE STORE WHEN YOU LEAVE, KACHA.



I'M SURE YOU WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HONEY FROM YOUR HILLS!

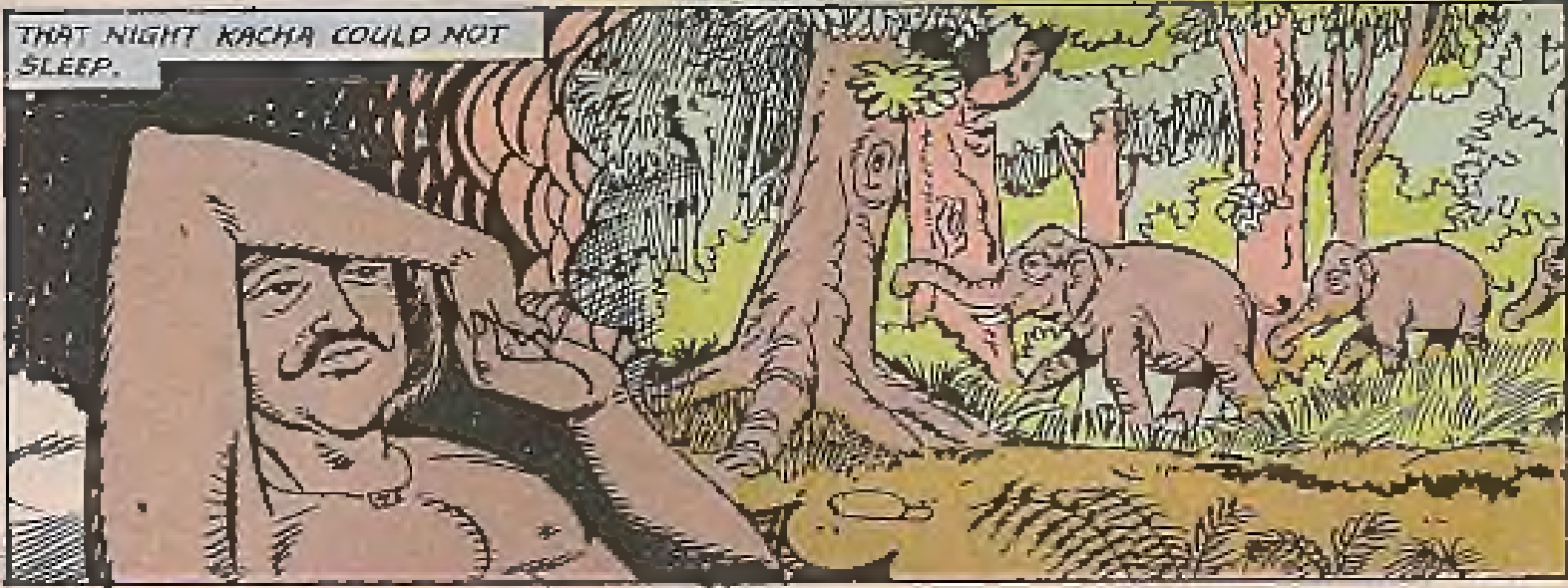
I WOULD, MAHASWAMI.



* FEUDAL LORD WHO WAS AUTHORISED TO COLLECT TRIBUTE FROM THE TRIBALS ON BEHALF OF THE RAJA OF MYSORE.

† IN MYSORE IN THOSE DAYS ONE MAUND WAS EQUAL TO 22 LB (CARAULI 12 KG)

THAT NIGHT KACHA COULD NOT SLEEP.



THE NEXT MORNING —



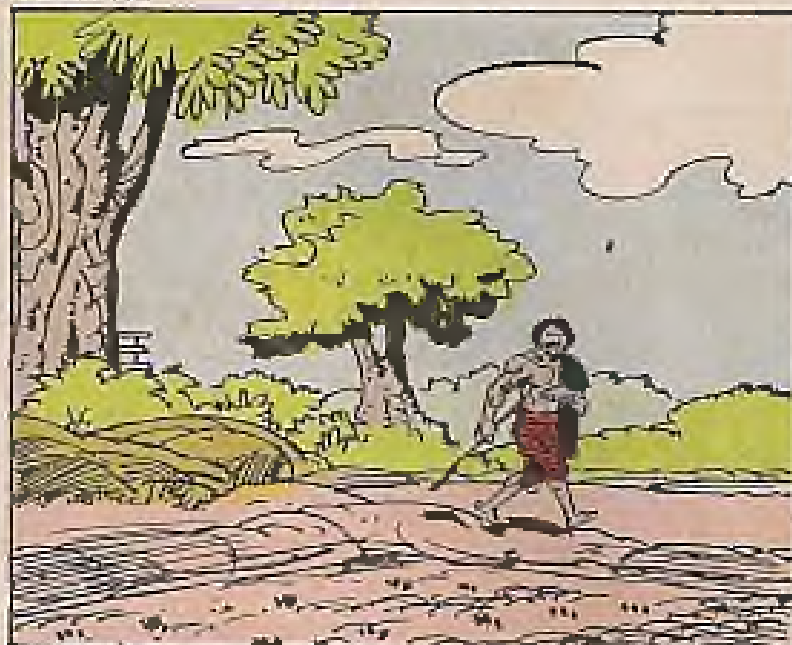
MAHASWAMI,
THE HILLS ARE
CALLING ME...

I KNEW THIS
WOULD HAPPEN
ONCE YOU HAD
THE MONEY.



GO BACK, KACHA.
AND IF YOU EVER
NEED ME, SEND
A MESSAGE.
I WILL COME.

SO KACHA SET
OUT FOR THE
HILLS.



AT LAST —

KACHA!

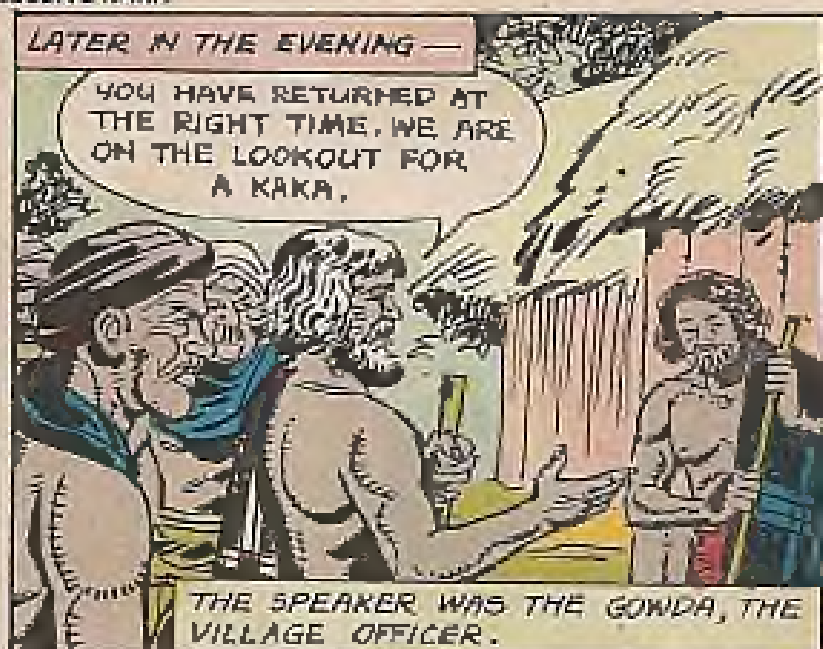
SISTER,
I AM
HOME!



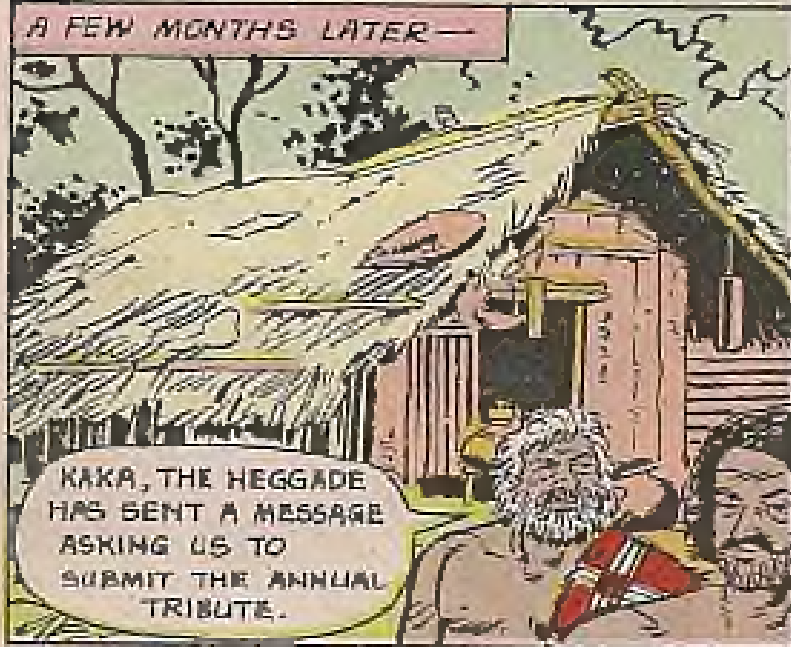
YOUR FATHER
HAS COME BACK,
MOLLY! SO,
GO TO HIM.

MY CHILD!





A FEW MONTHS LATER —



WE WILL HAVE TO SEND HIM FOUR PAIRS OF TUSKS, THIRTY-TWO MEASURES OF HONEY AND FOUR MAUNDS OF SANDALWOOD.

BUT GOWDA, THE HEGGADE SENDS THE RAJA ONLY ONE PAIR OF TUSKS, EIGHT MEASURES OF HONEY, AND ONE MAUND OF SANDALWOOD.



A MESSENGER WAS SENT TO THE HEGGADE
TO CONVEY THE DECISION. THE MESSENGER

THE HEGGADE SAYS

THE HEGGADE
COLLECTS TRIBUTE
ON BEHALF OF THE
MAHARAJA & HE
CANNOT KEEP MORE
THAN WHAT IS
SENT TO THE
MAHARAJA

KNEW KACHA WOULD
GET US INTO TROUBLE
ONE DAY WHEN YOU

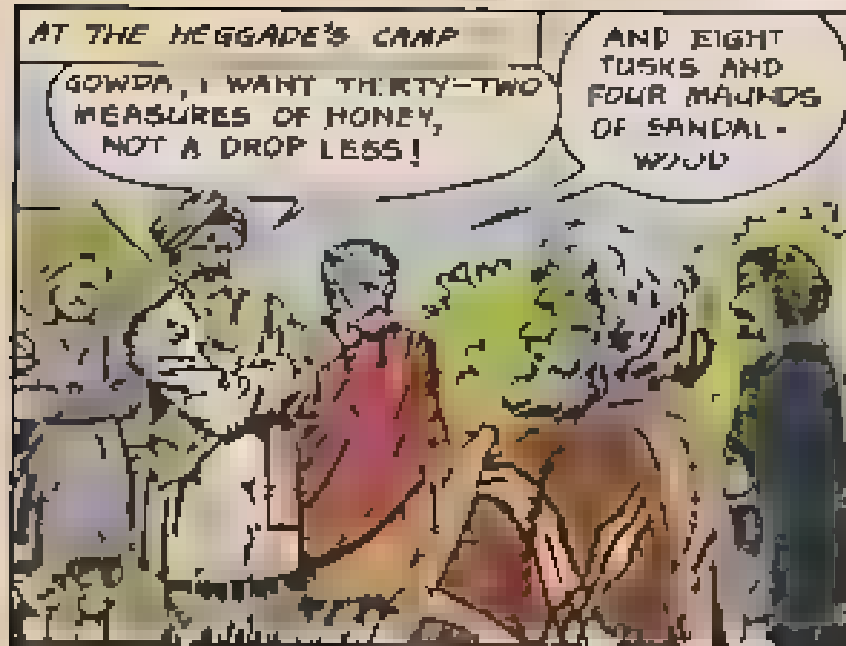
EVEN NOW IT'S

AND PAY WHAT THE
HEGGADE DEMANDS.

LATER, GOWDA AND KAKA LEFT FOR B.

GOWDA REMEM
YOU WILL DO ALL TH.

KNOW WHAT TO SAY





THE KAKA WILL CERTAINLY COME TO YOU IF YOU SO WISH. BUT .

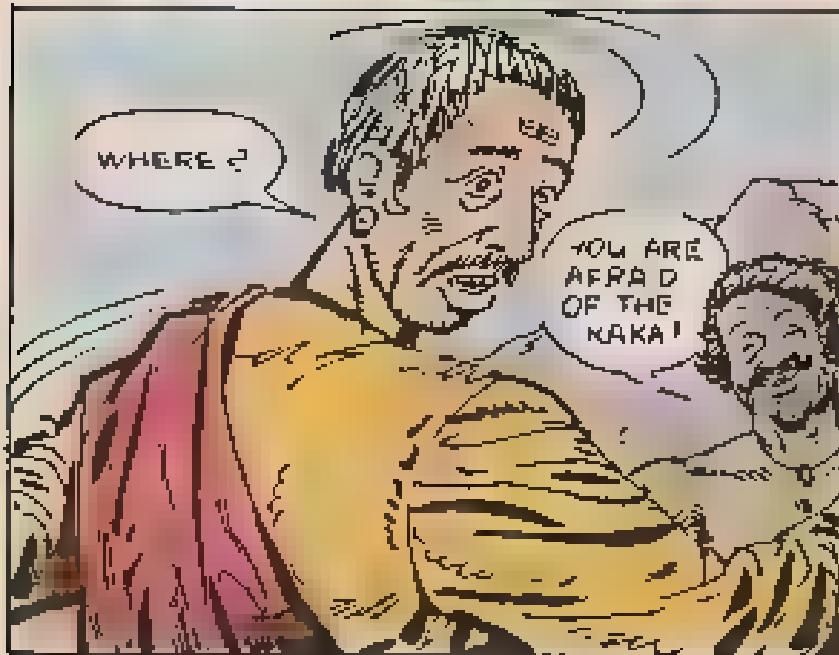


.. CAN YOU FACE HIM? YOU WILL SHIVER WITH FRIGHT AT THE MERE SIGHT OF HIM!

FEAR THE KAKA? MEE? HAH!



THERE HE IS! LOOK I JUST BEHIND YOU!



WHERE?

YOU ARE AFRAID OF THE KAKA!



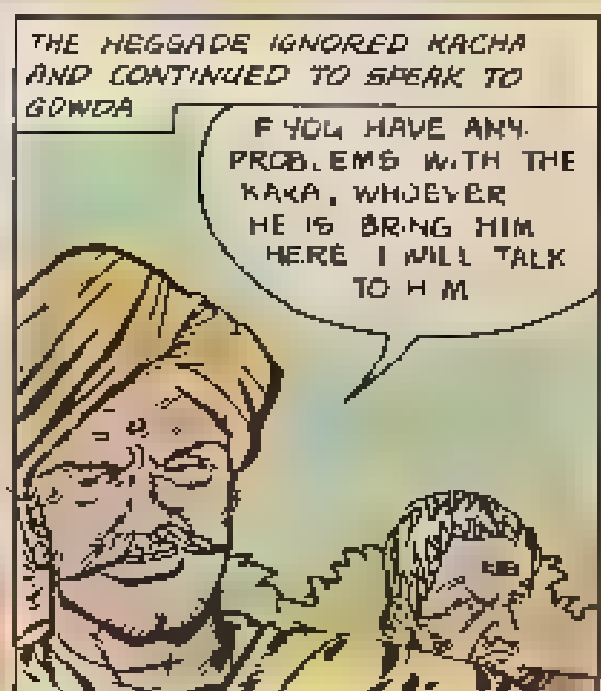
STOP THESE ANTICS!



GOWDA WHO IS THIS MAN?

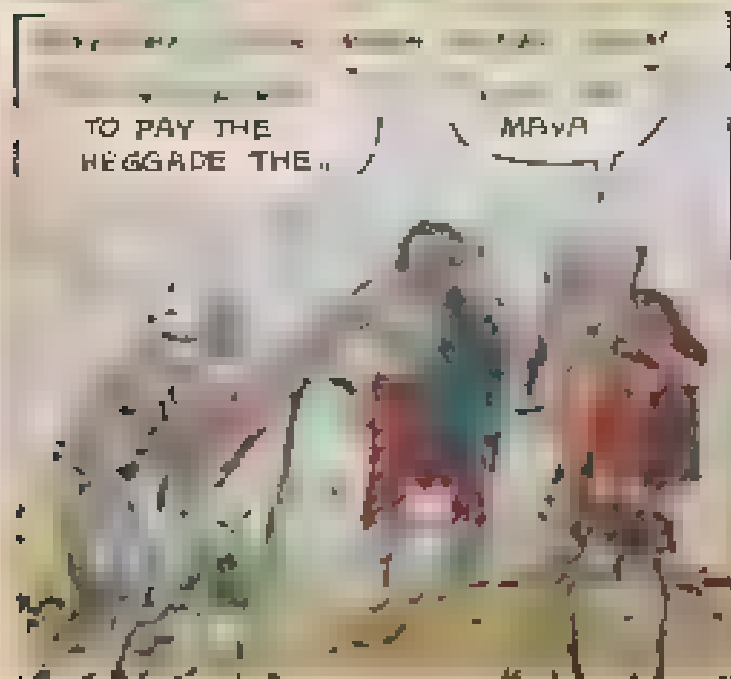
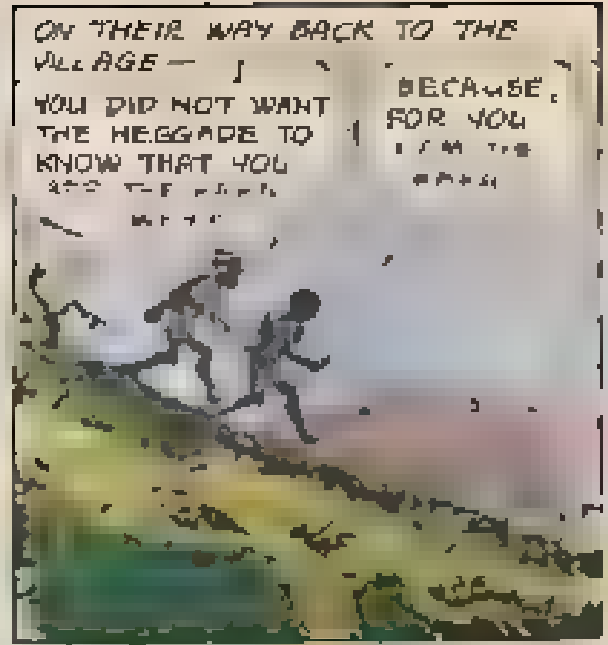
HE IS

.. FM KACHA, SIR



THE HEGGADE IGNORED KACHA AND CONTINUED TO SPEAK TO GOWDA

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE KAKA, WHOEVER HE IS BRING HIM HERE I WILL TALK TO HIM



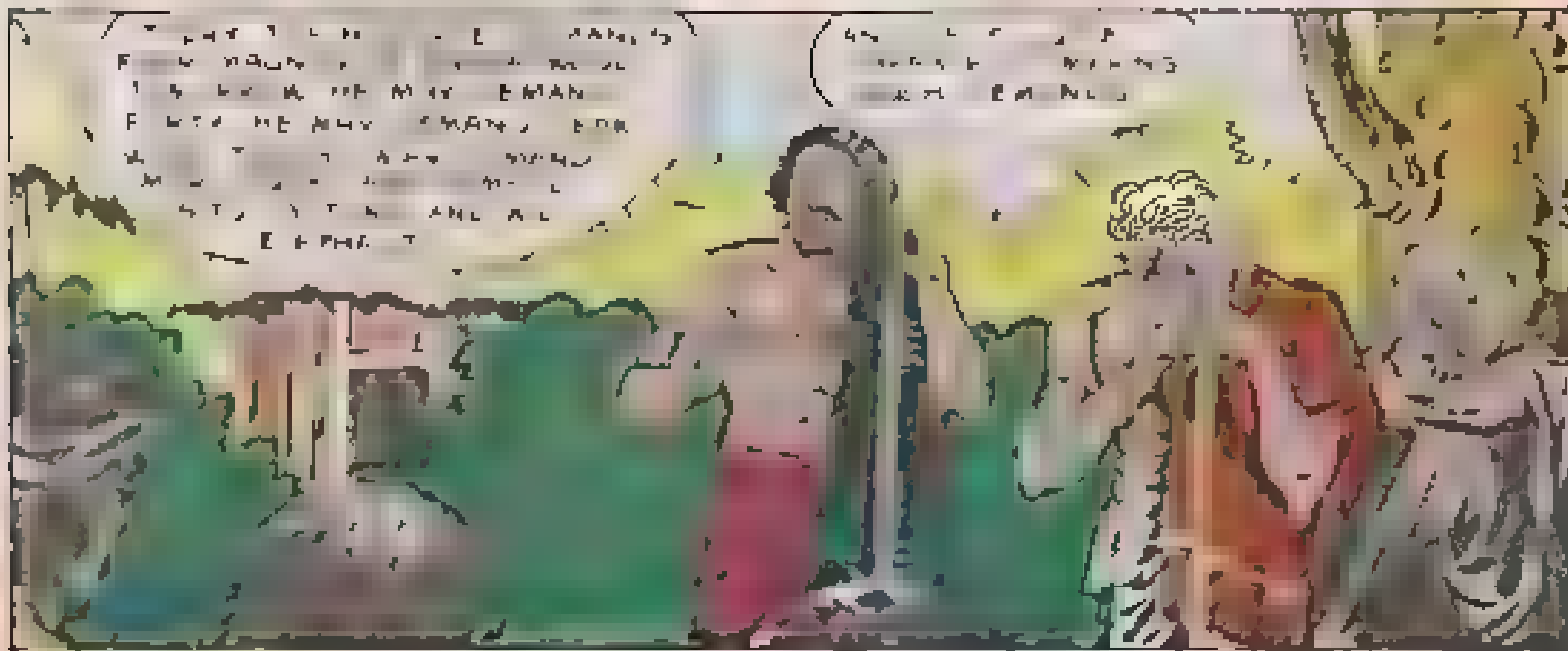
AT THE MEETING

THE LEADER SAYS
WE MUST USE ONLY
WHAT WE WANT
OR CUT THE
TREES



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OR CUT THE
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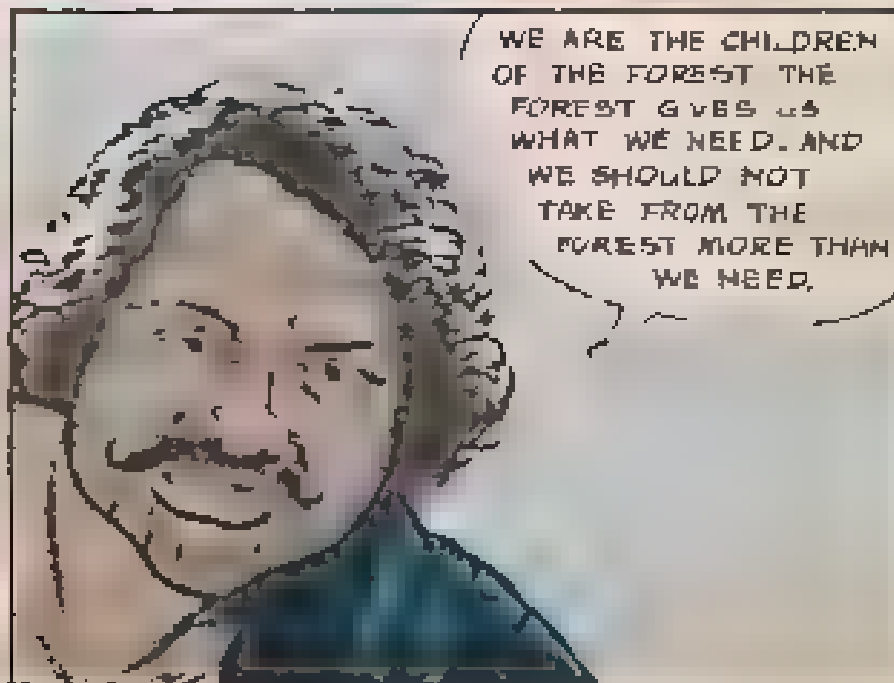
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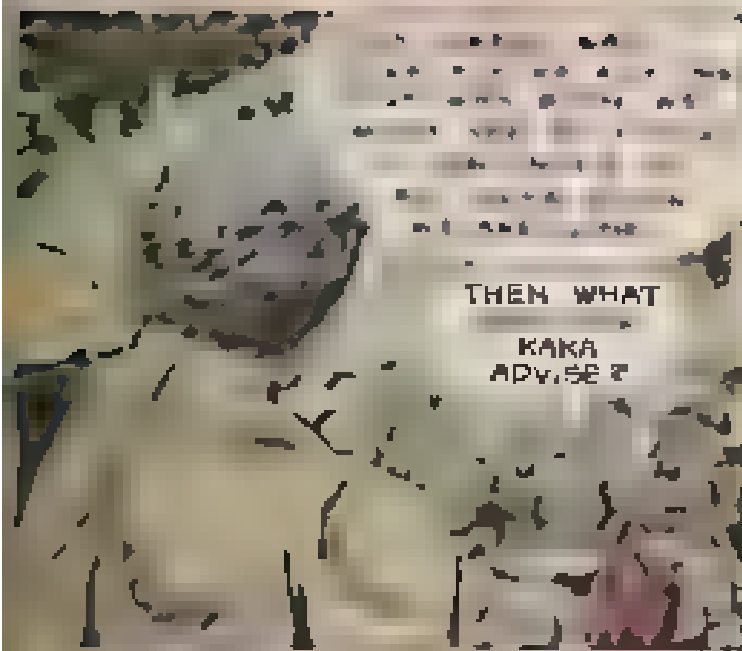


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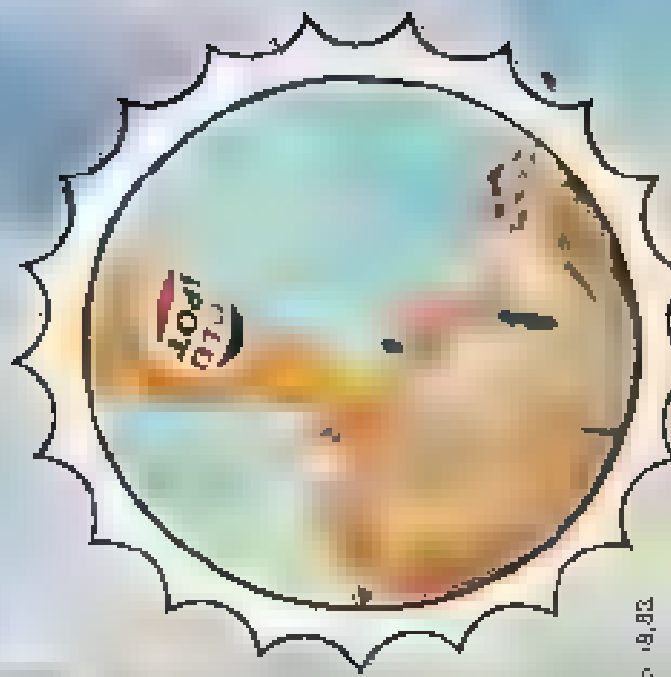


WE ARE THE CHILDREN
OF THE FOREST THE
FOREST GIVES US
WHAT WE NEED. AND
WE SHOULD NOT
TAKE FROM THE
FOREST MORE THAN
WE NEED.





Hooray! Hooray! It's a Goldspotting day!



NO FISHING
POPPED THEM DO AN' LUNTS
BUT KEEP FISHING

SEE THAT
GOLD SPOT? RIGHT?
THEY'RE ALL AT IT

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WE'RE ALL
GOLDSPOTTING

WE'RE ALL
GOLDSPOTTING

HAPPY

THE KEY
IS TO BE UP AND
AND THE NUMBER





AMAR CHITRA KATHA

QUIZ CONTESTS

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THE GOVERNOR WANTS US
TO WATER HIS GARDEN
WHILE HE IS AWAY



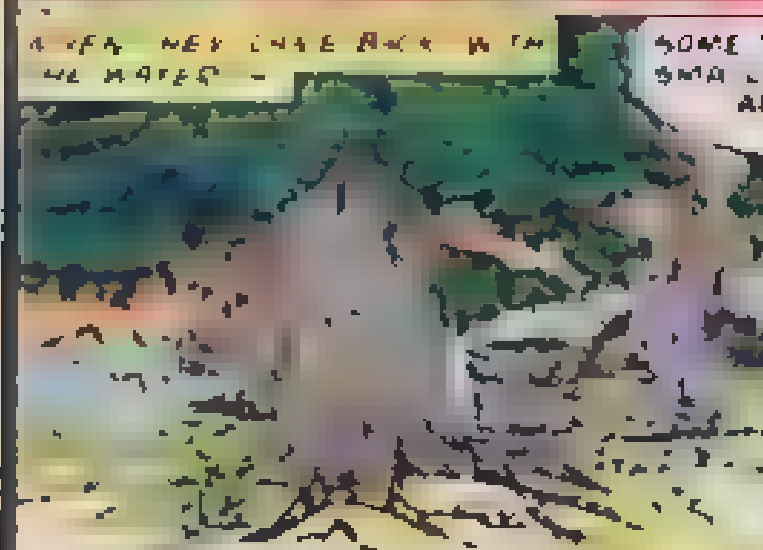
NOT
ME

WHEN CAN WE
STOP?

RIGHT AWAY!
I GOT TO GO TO
THE WATER!



AFTER THEY HAVE DONE WITH
THE WATER -



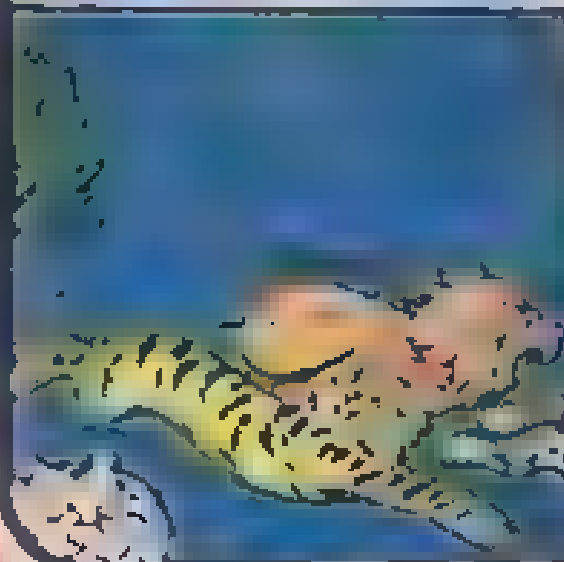
SOME TREES ARE
SMALL AND SOME
ARE BIG

THAT'S RIGHT!
HOW MUCH WATER
SHOULD WE GIVE
TO EACH TREE?

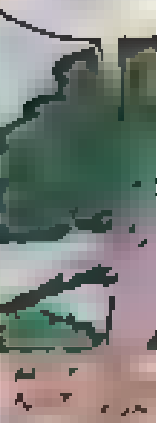
HOW WOULD YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

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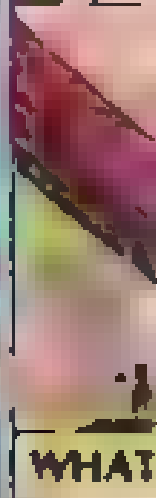
LONG AGO TWO TREES
LIVED IN PEACE AND
FRIENDSHIP IN A FOREST
WHICH WAS FULL OF WILD
BEASTS



I CANNOT
THESE
I WILL
THEM



THE NE



WHAT

SOLUTIONS TO AMAR CHITRA KATHA

STAND
ANIMALS
DRIVE
WAY.

OH, NO!
PLEASE
DON'T! THE
W'LD ANIMALS
PROTECT US AND
KEEP MEN AWAY



FIRST TREE DID
EE WITH THE SECOND.

IT SHOOK ITSELF VIBOROUSLY
MAKING A LOUD NOISE WHICH
AWOKE THE ANIMALS SLEEPING
BENEATH IT



CT MORNING —



DO YOU IMAGINE HAPPENED AFTER THAT?

C SUGGEST A SUITABLE CAPTION.



cause it was completed
owned in 1433

C Beer or Pung' (in South India

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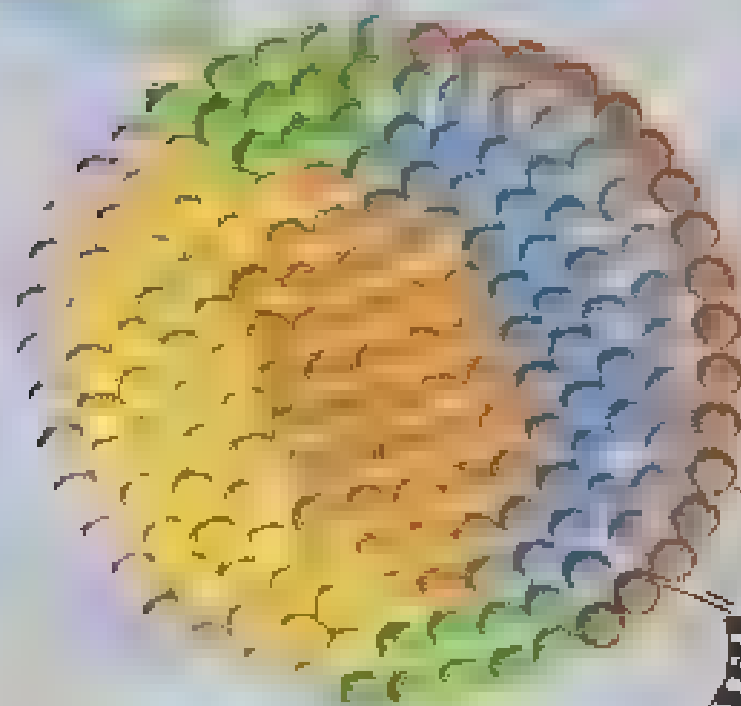
A. _____

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*"Hurray, hurray, it's a holiday
Hurray, hurray, it's time to play
So get your pail and your beachball
And don't forget Gems for one and all!"*



Got a moment? Get a Gem!

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LATER —

HAYAK, TOMORROW
GORDA AND KACHA
MEAN THE KAZA
WILL BE ————
ALL WITH ME



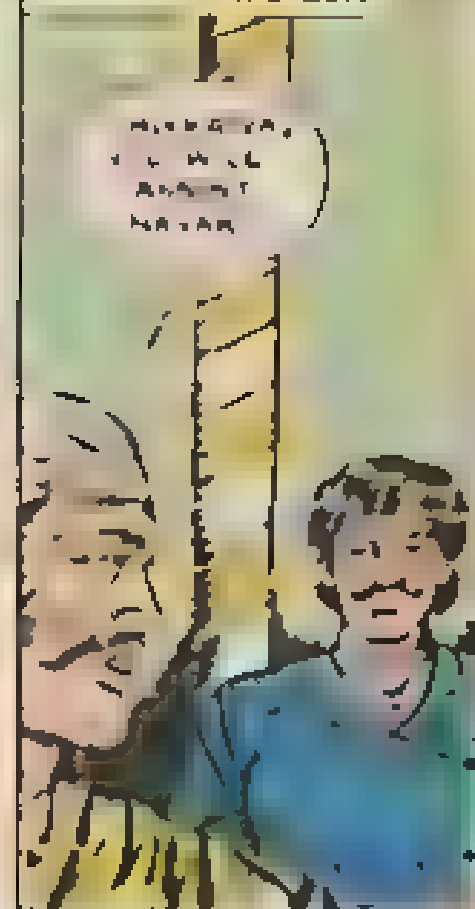
THE ELUSIVE KAKA

HEEN ———— THE
KAKA ————
AND ————
———



THEN THE HEGGADE
TURNED TO HIS SON

HEGGADE,
I WILL
ABOUT
KAKA



THE KAZA

THE KAZA AND THE
IN ————
———

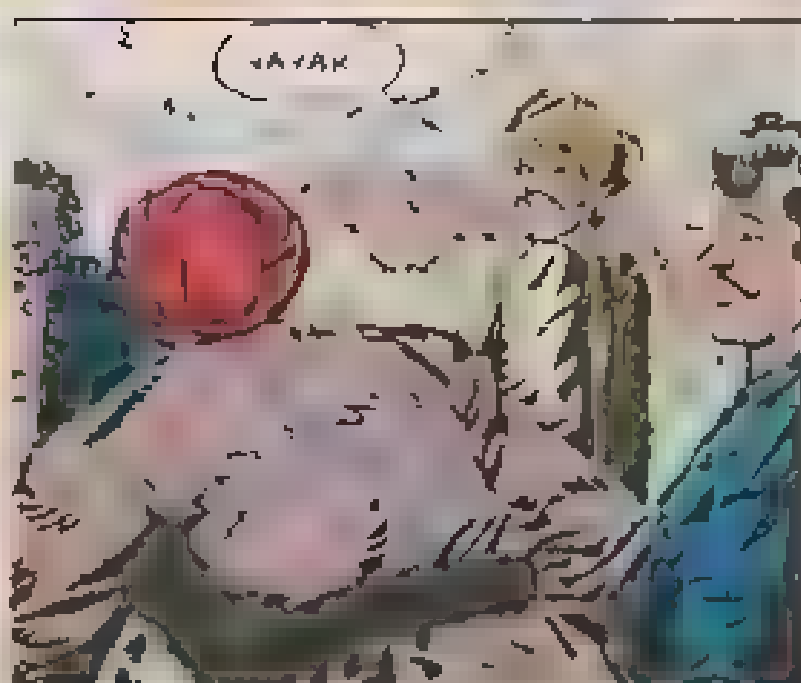


THE MESSENGER LEFT FOR MYSORE,
THE CAPITAL OF KING RANADHIRA.

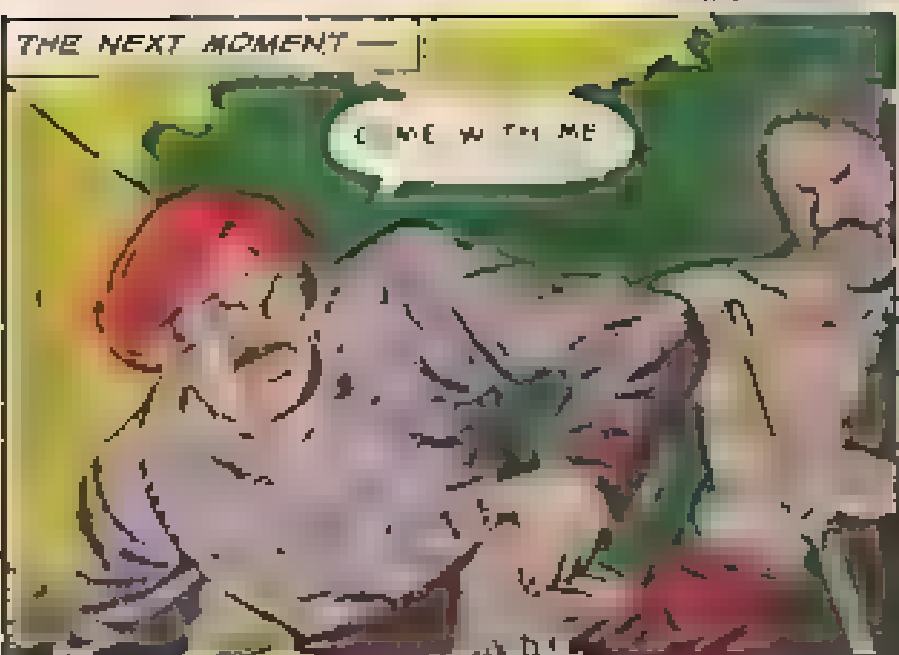
THE THREE OF US
WILL ————
———
———
———
———

YES KAKA
FROM





THE NEXT MOMENT —



COME WITH ME

SNAKE!

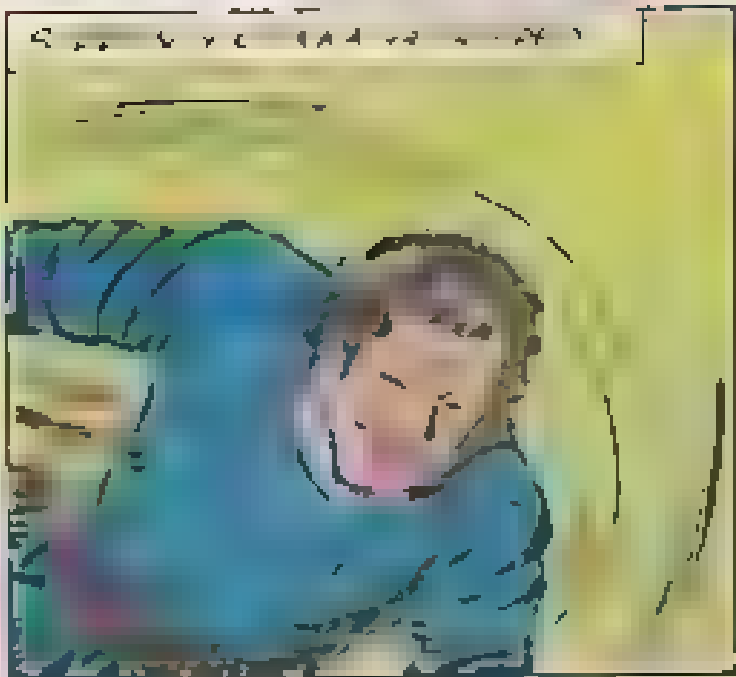


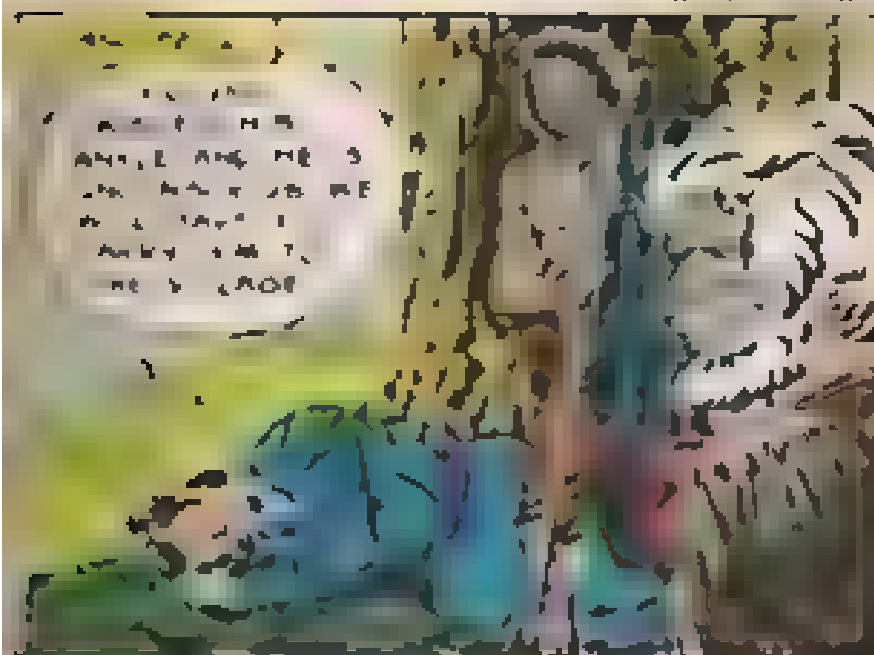
SNAKE!

WOMAN
GO AWAY!



GO AWAY!





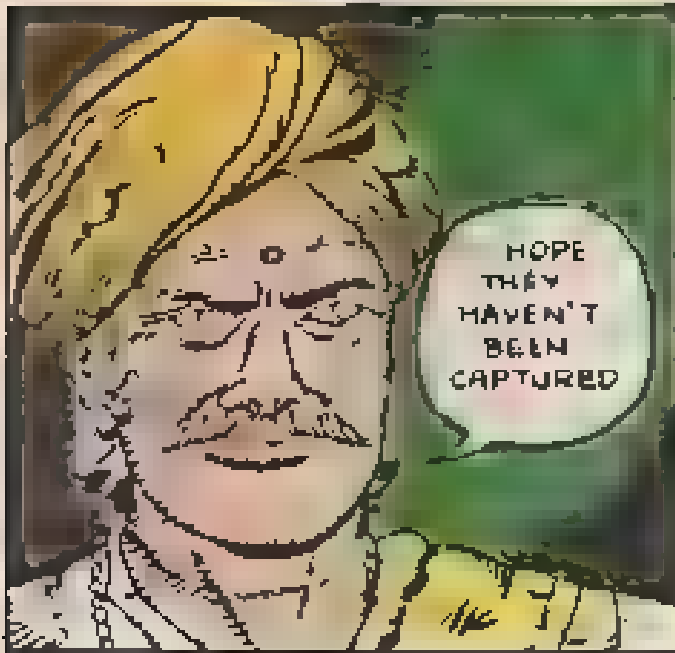
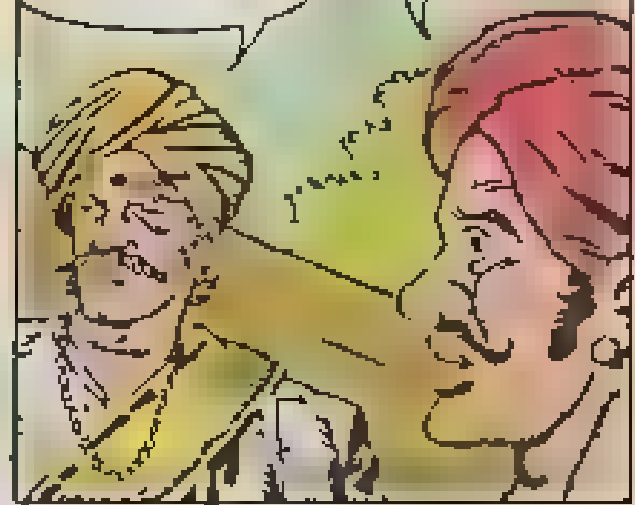
MEANWHILE AT THE HEGGADE'S CAMP -

A DEAD SHAKE!
AND YOU LET
IT FRIGHTEN
YOU!



DO YOU KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED
TO MY SON AND
THE CLERK?

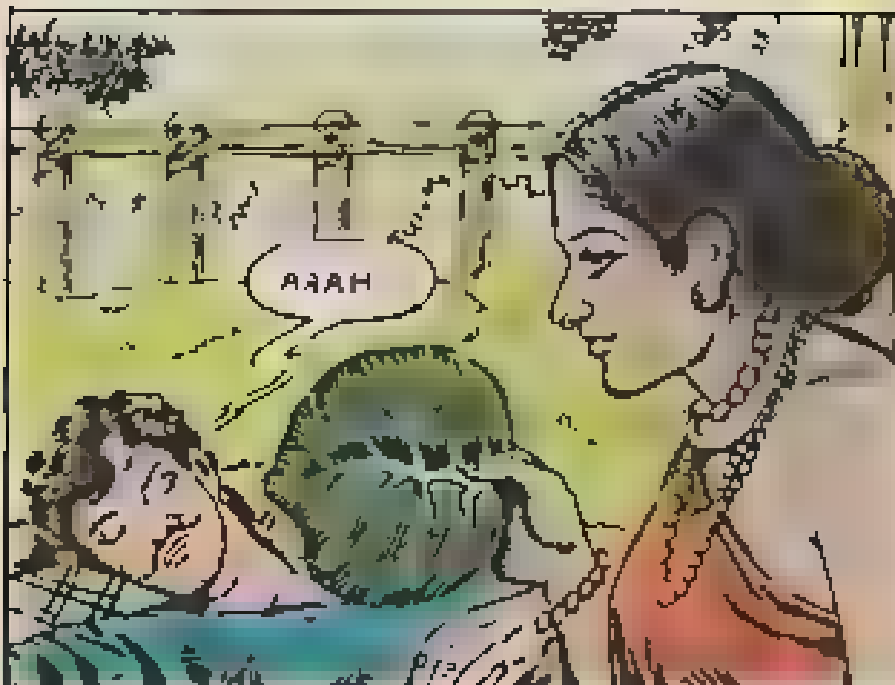
THEY RAN
AFTER THOSE
RASCALS



AT THE HEGGADE'S CAMP -

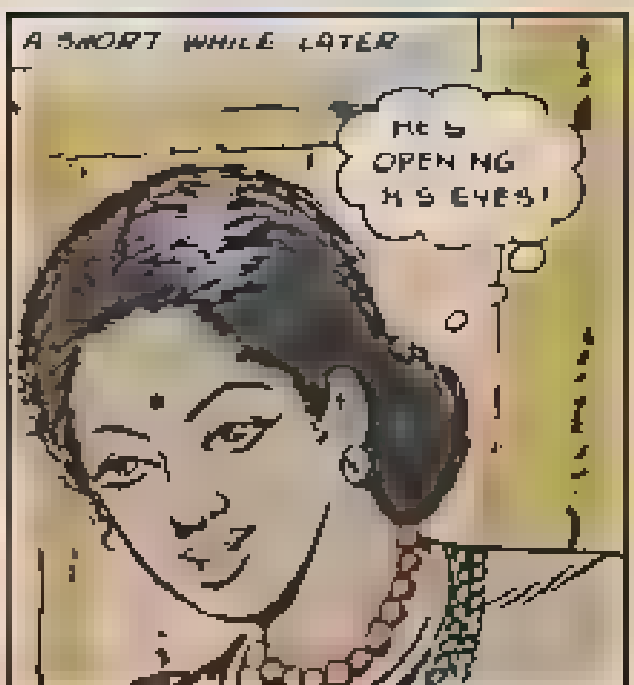
MOLLA, THE HEGGADE'S
SON IS INJURED WATCH
OVER HIM I WILL GO
AND GET SOME HERBS
TO SOOTHE HIS
ANKLE

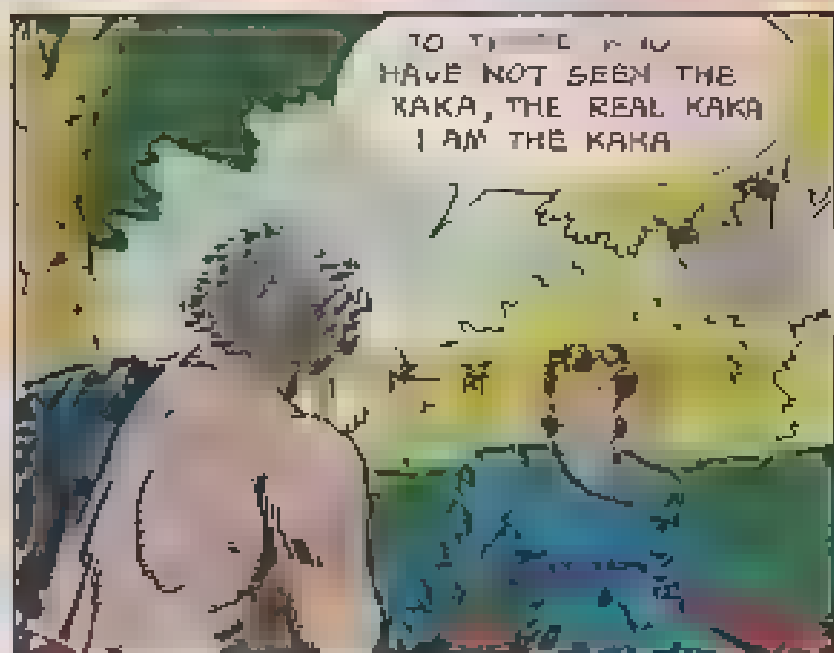
PLEASE
COME BACK
QUICKLY,
FATHER



A SHORT WHILE LATER

HE IS
OPENING
HIS EYES!







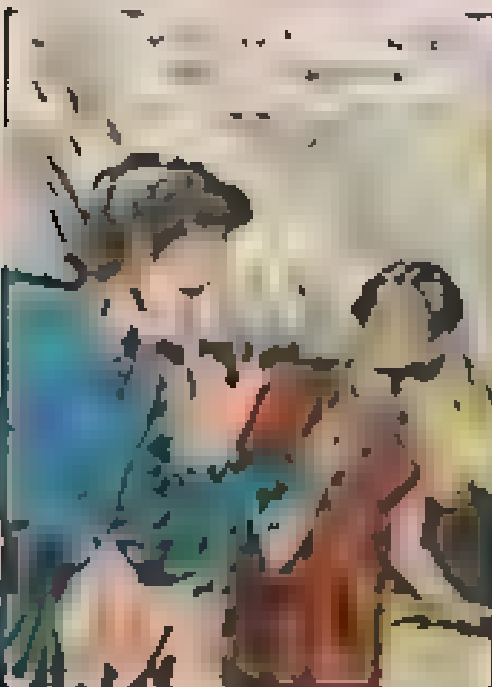
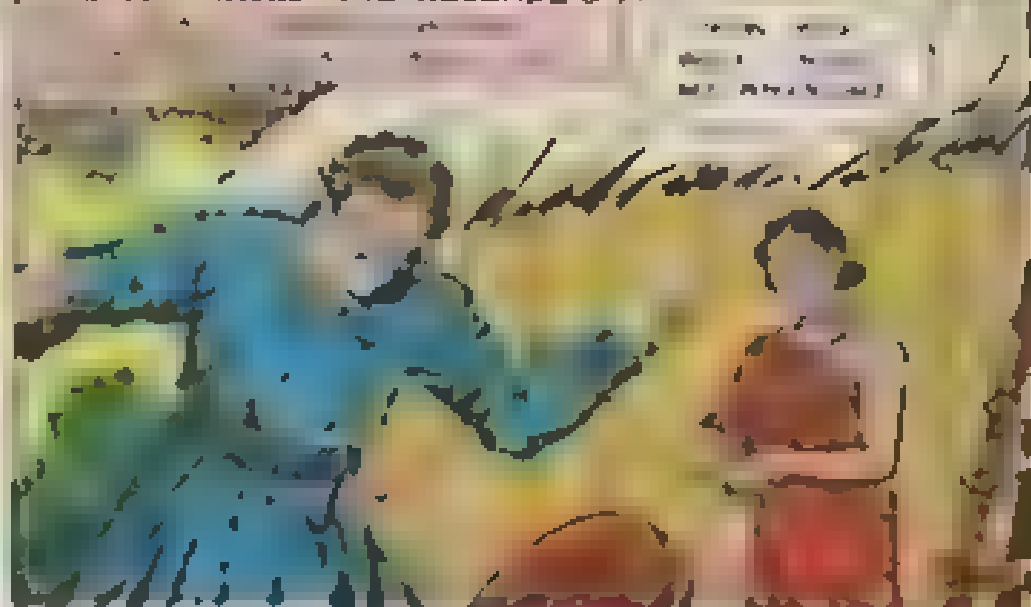
MOHA, GO TO THE HEGGADE'S
CAMP AND TELL HIM THAT IF
HE WANTS HIS SON AND
HIS CLERK ALIVE HE

THE VILLAGE



DIATELY.

MOHAY NURSED THE HEGGADE'S



MEANWHILE, THE GOWDA
AND THE KAKA WERE
GETTING RESTLESS.



MAYBE HE IS
TOO BUSY.



WE WILL WAIT
FOR ANOTHER TWO
DAYS, GONDAR

IF HE DOES
NOT COME

BABA!



ASKED US TO SPEAK
TO YOU ABOUT THE
DISPUTE.

THE KURUBAS OF THE
HILLS THEY HAVE
COMPLAINED TO
THE RAJA





THEY MIGHT
CARE ALL
THEY ARE
BOUND TO
COMPLAIN



BUT DO YOU THINK
IT WAS PROPER OF
THE KAKA TO
ENTERTAIN A
COMPLAINANT
AGAINST
US?



WOULDN'T
COMMENT ON
THE KAKA'S
ACTION



IN ANY WAY HERE HEARD
THAT THE PERUDAS HAVE
CAPTURED YOUR SON AND
YOUR CLERK



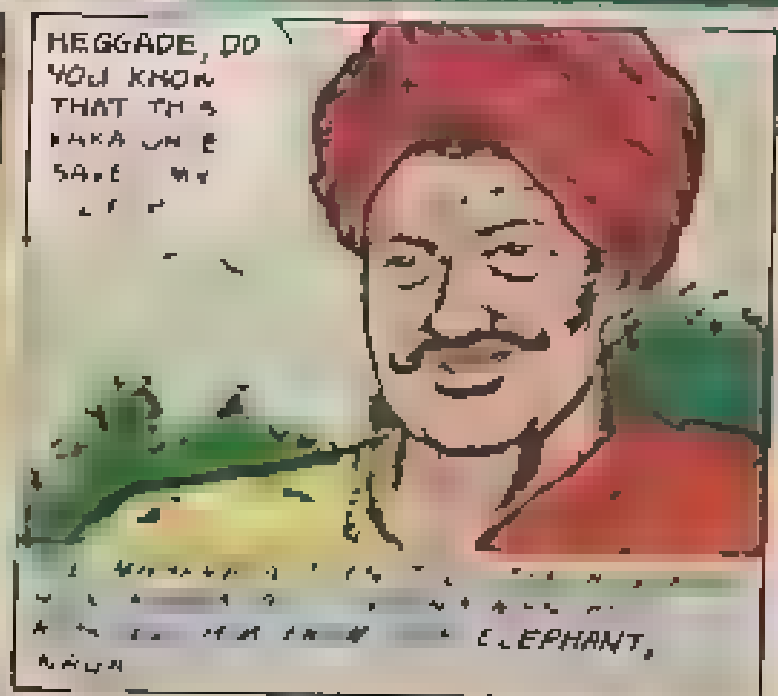
I WILL TALK TO
THEM AND PERSUADE
THEM TO LET OUR
SON FREE

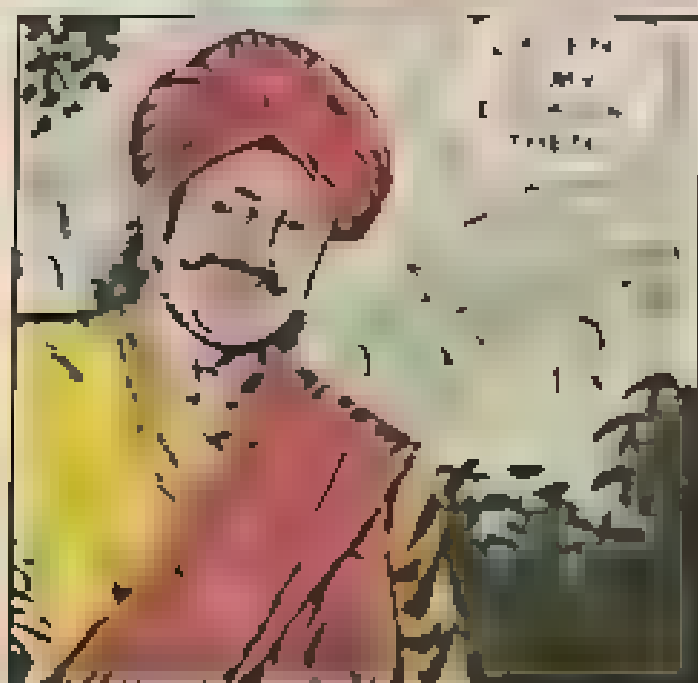
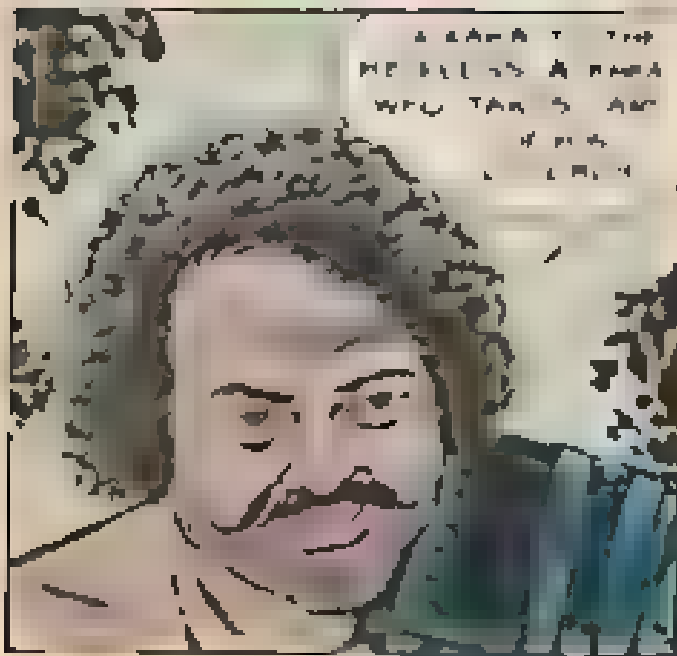
I AM
GRATEFUL
TO YOU
IF YOU
DO



THEN PLEASE MEET
ME OUTSIDE THE
VILLAGE TONIGHT
I WILL SEND A
MESSAGE C
THE KAKA
TO
DO IT











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have a tale to tell,
Listen kids
and listen well.



PARLE



Bunny waking early one morn
Planned to set out early that day,
But saw as he went on his way
A sight most wondrous and gay.
It was with surprise and delight
That what innocent Bunny saw,
Was the favourite dish of his life:
Crisp, juicy carrots—four,

So drooling, he skipped towards
This fabulous unexpected treat,
But a noose fell around his neck,
It was foxy's trap so neat.

"Ha, ha, ha!" Foxy laughed,
Poor Bunny's confusion to see.
For he'd thought those fake carrots real,
"He's going to be eaten by me."

So quality, dear friends, don't you see,
Is really what matters at all.
Fakes give tummy-aches and more
While Poppins above all stand tall



So just don't let fakes fool you ever,
And you know there are so many around.
Only Poppins have silver-striped covers,
Only Poppins in excellence abound.